

# Successful Collaboration

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# Benefits of Collaborative Funding Models

- Large scale impact and opportunity
- Resource sharing
- Centralized approach and coordination
- Best practices and information sharing
- Greater external leverage and influence
- Accountability

# How do you know your collaborative is achieving success? (outcomes)

- Community impact; greater than any individual partner could achieve.
- Increased member capacity; leading to increased ability to achieve community impact.
- A clear purpose; understood and supported by members.
- Engaged members; willing to commit resources (financial and other).



# How do you know your collaborative is achieving success? (processes)

- Effective “network management.”
- Flexibility and openness
- Effective facilitation and consensus-building techniques.
- Partners are engaged in supporting activities and tasks.
- Ability to manage conflicts or problems when they arise.
- Ability to make quality decisions in a timely manner.
- Timely and consistent flow of information among members



# What challenges and obstacles do you experience in the collaborative environment?

- Group process and decision-making can be slow.
- Building trust among members.
- Balancing individual vs. group needs.
- Power inequalities among partners.
- Defining purpose and mission.



# Resources



- “Comparing Governance and Management in Classic Organizational vs. Network Settings” by Paul Vandeventer
- “Unstill Waters: The Fluid Role of Networks and in Social Movements” by Robin Katcher

